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1. The Royal Hungarian University of Budapest consisted of several schools. [redacted] familiar only with two, the Law School and the College of Literature, Arts, and Sciences. The Law School was located in the IV District of Budapest on Pazmany Peter Square and consisted of one building. The building was old but well constructed and was four stories high. [redacted] definitely say that classroom space was adequate and that some of the rooms were refurnished after World War II.
2. The College of Literature, Arts, and Sciences was located on Museum Avenue in the VIII District of Budapest. It consisted of several two and three story buildings which were rather old and not in the best of condition.
3. Admission to the Law School required only that one must be past the age of 18 and have graduated from a gymnasium. Prior to 1948, selection of students was based on academic considerations and also by influence whenever someone did not have adequate grades. The requirements for admission were not particularly high due to the fact that the Law School always had a sizable student body. Prior to 1948 most of the students came from middle class families, in spite of the progressive rate of tuition. In the post-World War II years, tuition was determined both by the academic standing and the student's father's income. There were no scholarships available to the best of my knowledge.
4. The Law School course at the Royal Hungarian University was four years. A student had to carry at least 15 hours credit per semester. However 25 hours was a more usual load. Almost all of the courses were required and were offered on a two-semester basis. The curriculum was as follows:

First year, Hungarian Constitutional History, Roman Law, Economics, and Statistics.

Second year, Economics, Hungarian Constitutional Law, Philosophy of Law, and Canon Law.

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Third year, Private Law, Private International Law, Criminal Law, and Criminal Procedure.

Fourth year, Public International Law, Commercial Law, Administrative Law, and Monetary and Banking Procedure.

5. There were two examinations offered yearly. The examination at the end of the first semester was optional. However, examinations at the end of each school year were compulsory. Examinations did not have to be taken in all courses but only in the following:

First year, Hungarian Constitutional History, Roman Law.

Second year, Economics, Hungarian Constitutional Law.

Third year, Private Law, Private International Law, Criminal Law, and Criminal Procedure.

Fourth year, Public International Law, Commercial Law, and Administrative Law.

Upon the completion of the four-year course, three comprehensive examinations had to be taken including all required courses. The minimum interval between these examinations was two months. All examinations were oral and were given in groups, ranging from five to nine students. Upon passing the three comprehensive examinations, the candidates were awarded the degree of "Doctor of Law".

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